“**The Restorer of Paths to Dwell In**” - Part 1

Greetings to all my brothers and sisters wherever you are this day and I pray that you are preparing to move soon to that blessed city where sin and suffering will be no more. By preparing I mean much Bible Study and an earnest prayer life as we are practically at the door of the “Little time of Trouble” where our faith will be sorely tested.

Brethren, we are in a war for our very soul’s sake and you can be sure that Satan is not happy with you, for wanting to be a soldier in the army of Christ. The Spiritual battle of Armageddon is raging world-wide and this is no time for any of us weaken and relax.

Before we begin, let us have an added word of prayer. Father in heaven, we are eternally grateful for the gift of your only begotten Son who paid the redemption price for our salvation. Today we pray for understanding in a matter that the enemy of souls has brought upon modern Israel. Just as Israel of old drifted into apostasy, the further they strayed from your blueprints, so your end time church has taken the bait and has been entrapped in the Omega of Apostasy on the broad road leading to destruction. Give us Divine insight to make the corrections that would steer us to the center of the narrow path for we do pray in Jesus name, Amen.

All scriptural references these 14 days will be taken from the King James Version unless I state otherwise.

I begin today and I will begin each of the next 13 days with an often quoted counsel from God’s prophet that many are familiar with, however there may be some who will hear it for the first time today. It is especially applicable to this series and we find it in the book Education page 57.3 and Colporteur Ministry 54.4. Listen closely as this is a call from God to you and me and the true remnant and it’s for now!

Here is what our father’s GPS, God’s Prophet Says, and I quote ***“The greatest want of the world is the want of men,--men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall*.”--**Education, p. 57. (1903) {CM 54.4}

 I ask you, you who may be conference leaders and conference workers, and both conference and independent ministry pastors, and elders, and deacons and deaconesses and all lay people on the line today, did you hear that with your understanding? Here it is again and this time, I pray that it will sink in, ***“The greatest want of the world is the want of men,--men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.”***

When I read this I am humbled, for here in 2015 this is what this quote is really saying to my understanding; that the greatest want in Seventh-day Adventism today is the want of men, men who are not spiritual cowards, men who do not value their paychecks and pensions as having a greater value than God’s truth for these last days, men who will call a sin by its right name within Adventism; no wait a minute, let me rephrase that, what God needs is men who will call the abominations by their right names that have grown like a metastasized cancer in His church today, men who are not ignoring the Holy Spirit of God’s urgings to stand up and be counted with our Father’s faithful, men who will not shirk their responsibilities in these last and final days of the final generation, regardless of the consequences that they will be exposed to, even if it means being dis-fellowshipped for taking an unpopular stand against the prevailing apostasy.

If you are forsaking principle for the sake of retaining your pension, wake up brother! We are at the very door of the time of trouble. A future pension will serve you no earthly good if compromise at this time serves the enemy’s purposes. The quote calls for us who are in out inmost souls **“*true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name.”*** How is It with you Pastor?

The subject for this series, “**The** **Restorer of Paths to Dwell In**” is of the highest importance, for we read in Isaiah 58:12, **“And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.”**

Those last seven words, **“The restorer of paths to dwell in,”** is what this series is going to be about. For very good reason, I want to look at three of those seven words; restorer, paths and dwell. The first word “restorer” is the Hebrew word *shuwb* – (shoob) and in this sentence means “pull in again,” or “put again” or “recover.” The word “paths” is the Hebrew word *nathiyb* (naw-theeb) which means “ways.” The word “dwell” is the Hebrew word *yashab* (yaw-shab) which means continue or remain. So those seven words in verse 12 are telling us to recover or put again the ways to continue or remain in.

Since Isaiah 58 is a very relevant chapter for God’s end time church to be repairers of the breach made in God’s law. That means we should be putting God’s Sabbath commandment back in its rightful place by informing the world of the breach and the remedy. But we should also be restorers of paths to dwell in, in our worldwide church.

And this connects with Jeremiah 6:16 which reads **“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.”**

This will be our study, to find out what the old Seventh-dayAdventist paths were and to see if we have gone off track and if we have, what may be the danger. And just maybe, by studying our Adventist history, we may get a very good understanding that will help us positively identify the Omega of Apostasy. There may be less than 5 % on the line today that have any real familiarity with what the fundamental principles and the beliefs, writings and teachings of our pioneers really were. Throughout this series we will be bringing in some of those writings.

Now brethren, if you have heard me on Metro before than you know that I have to tell it like it is and I do not fear the consequences, unless I have spoken contrary to God’s Word in the scriptures, or the Testimony of Jesus as revealed in the Spirit of Prophecy. The previous time I was on Metro NY World Ministry I presented many of the problems plaguing Adventism that have caused this downward spiral of the church as set forth in “My 95 Theses Plus One.” Those problems were and are very real.

When we read in Revelation 12:17, **“And the dragon was wroth with the woman,** **and went to make war with the remnant of her seed,…”** we generally say that it means the devil was angry with God’s end-time commandment-keeping church and he is at war with it.

I would say that we human beings with our finite minds can’t really understand the degree and the intensity of Satan’s anger, however we can get a taste of it when we read the 15th Chapter of the Great Controversy titled – *“The Bible and the French Revolution.”* Or we see the scenes of a large group of bound Coptic Christians on a beach in Libya who were beheaded by fiendish men who serve Satan.

Make no mistake, we are practically at the door of the little time of trouble, which will be ushered in when the US congress passes the National Sunday law. Oh how far this once blessed nation has fallen. Same sex marriage is now the law of the land; can the national Sunday law really be far behind?

It is no coincidence that Pope Francis will be addressing both houses of Congress in September, the very place where the law will be legislated, and then he will spend time in the White House with President Obama, followed by a trip to New York to address the world at the United Nations. His reported agenda will include climate change. He wants to emerge as the leader of the world in this matter, but might he have a hidden agenda, disguised as a health message, courtesy of the Vatican? He will tell us that we need one day in seven, free from work, to spend with our families. To make sure that employers comply it should be a law. And he’ll urge that Sunday is the obvious choice as it would be the easiest of the seven to incorporate globally.

When we enter the door of the little time of trouble, which the majority of our people have not been preparing for, it will be one that takes most Adventists by surprise. In fact God’s Prophet says, ***“Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.”*-**-Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 28. {ChS 51.3}

We read quotes or we listen to quotes read, but has an impression really been made? She said, ***“Transgression has almost reached its limit***. (Is the testimony of Jesus telling us that this limit is when God’s cup is finally full?) She continues, ***Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings.”***We are talking about Muslim men who behead children for sneaking a snack when they should be fasting during Ramadan. We’re talking about a Supreme Court that defiantly tempts God with decisions that hasten an entire country into law that cannot harmonize with God’s word. We’re talking about Disney making a major production film about two Princes who are in love. We’re talking about a man who has been deported 5 times and keeps coming back to a USA Sanctuary city that will not enforce immigration laws, and then he kills an innocent young woman.

***“…and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings.”*** Well 9/11 was a great terror event, but did you know it was prophesied by Isaiah? Isa. 30:25 **“And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.”** In prophecy waters represent large numbers of people and when those towers were coming down many people were streaming in every direction seeking safety down any street that would lead them away from ground zero where the towers came down. Isa. 33:18 gives more detail. **“Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?”** Didn’t two towers come down by airplane strikes? What made the other building come down? ***“…and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings.”*** God only knows what terror events are yet to come. Satan, the roaring lion, is taking advantage of every inch of ground that God allows him to work his fiendish plots in his remaining allotted time.

Well I am not here today to talk about old news. When God’s prophet wrote, ***“…and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings.”***9/11 was only a beginning. Something she saw made her tremble for our people and that is what we need to know.

It is during the little time of trouble that the 144,000, under the power of the latter rain, will be preaching the three angel’s messages and many hearers will take their stand with God’s faithful. Millions of God’s saints will however will be martyred for their faith, preferring to die than to betray their Master. That is exactly where we all need to get to in our Christian experience. We should prefer to die than to compromise and break a single commandment.

Now my brothers and sisters, it is time to get into the subject matter for the remainder of today and these next 13 days that I will spend with you. We know that God’s prophet described the alpha of apostasy and what it pertained to. We really need to study the alpha of Apostasy in detail, for it has been a neglected part of our history, but I want you to listen carefully to this warning that she wrote in the Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies Series B, No. 2 page 16, GPS ***“Be not deceived …*** (Isn’t that interesting, Jesus warned us against end time deception 4 times in Matthew 24. Well brethren in this quote we are reading the testimony of Jesus.) ***Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature.”*** (Ellen G. White, Special Testimonies Series B, No. 2 page 16, ‘To Leading Physicians’, ‘Teach the Word’ Nashville, Tennessee, July 24th 1904)

But did you catch that? Very sadly, Ellen White said that many would ignore this warning because she said “***many*** will depart from the faith.” She did not mean a departure from our current beliefs in 2015 for our religion has been considerably changed; it can only mean departing from the faith, or the certain beliefs that were held by Seventh-day Adventists when she made this statement back in 1904. It would be impossible to mean any other faith. Note too she said that “The omega will be of ***a most startling nature***”. In her mind this was obviously not a small matter but a **huge** concern.

Here is the question we need to answer: “Is this “Omega” something which has already been accepted by many Seventh-day Adventists or is it still to come in the future?”

Ellen White also wrote in 1904, which was 111 years ago ***“The Omega would follow*** ***in a little while***. ***I tremble for our people***.” Source: (Ellen G. White, Talk given on May 18th 1904, Sermons and talks, Volume one, page 341, Manuscript 46, 1904, ‘The Foundation of our Faith’) What is it about this Omega of apostasy that would have shaken her so? We are going to be digging for the truth and there will be no stone unturned.

It seems that every time there is a crisis in Adventism, someone usually says that it must be the Omega of Apostasy. They said that with the 1957 book “Questions on Doctrine,” they said it with a host of “new theologies,” they said it with NLP and Celebration churches and more recently they said it with “Spiritual Formation.” Some are even saying it is the “women’s ordination” issues. Every single one of these developments have only added to the apostasy or they are a result of the Omega, but none of these I mentioned are the Omega that caused Ellen White to tremble.

My research has shown me that the Omega came decades ago and we are reaping what has been sowed by the enemies of the faith, whether they were trained infiltrators working for the Vatican with cadaver obedience or well respected theologians within Adventism. Remember many theologians completed their education in non-Adventist Universities. What I have learned has helped me fully understand exactly why she said, ***“I tremble for our people.”*** It really is a life or death issue and involves who we worship.

Some might consider the subject controversial, but it doesn’t have to be. So many today are confused but they don’t have to be. On day 5, Thursday, we will be covering much neglected information that will dissolve the confusion. God gives us straight answers through His prophet that we may never have to settle for confusion again. That will be on Thursday and don’t miss it. Hear the replays if you miss a single day as each day is a building block for the day following.

In the coming days I will be revealing the positive identification of the Omega as God’s prophet has accurately pinpointed it. Listen to me, on the 6th day of these messages which would be Friday, I am going to reveal the fact that many well-intentioned Adventists, some even listening today, whether they are historic or otherwise, have joined in a new trend and are unknowingly giving worship to Satan, because of the Omega and the urgings of well-meaning leaders, and books of a new order, who I believe do not understand the gravity of the situation. That will be on the sixth day.

Brothers and sisters, the Omega is real and it’s deadly and you need to hear every message because I will be laying a step by step foundation daily. If you miss any single day’s talk, I urge you to listen to the replay before going to the next message.

What is this Omega and how and why did the Omega happen? Here is where man has really underestimated the enemy of souls. Satan, as Lucifer, had been created with the highest intellect of any created being. The most intelligent human being that has ever lived would have but a small fraction of intelligence in comparison. Any person that is not fully connected to Christ, is at a decided disadvantage when Satan is working out his will.

When he used his influence on the bishops at Rome to change God’s Sabbath to Sunday in the 4th century after Christ, there was plenty of opposition at that time, since the seventh day Sabbath was still the Sabbath of the majority of Christendom. As in past history, Satan knew that bringing about change was just a matter of time. As former generations would die off, he could manipulate changes to suit his purposes, and he usually was successful. The transition from Sabbath to Sunday took about 200 years to where opposition had slowed to a whisper and was easily dealt with.

And so has it been from the alpha to the omega of Apostasy. The strongest opposition to change was when our pioneers, including God’s prophet were alive. But then as the pioneers began to die off and with the passing of Ellen White 100 years ago, this past July 16th, compromises began to trickle in. Through the 1920’s, the 1930’s and even into the 1940’s our historic faith was still being embraced by the majority, however the foundational principles were slowly being chipped away. Then came the 1950’s with the Questions on Doctrine fiasco. The watchmen on the wall were asleep except for a few brave and courageous men who were persecuted for their stand.

Sister White gave a dire warning in the General Conference Bulletin, 1893, p. 24 when she said this, ***“In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as Leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”***

This will be a key to our studies: ***We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”***

Well what did our Lord teach us in our past history that we may have forgotten? We have our pillar doctrines, the Seventh day Sabbath, the Sanctuary message, the state of the dead, the second coming of Christ, the 2300 year prophecy, the three angel’s messages, the Ten Commandments and a strong health message. We who are historic Seventh-day Adventists embrace all of these. What possibly is it in 2015 that we may be believing and teaching that would have caused us to **“… *forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”***

Tomorrow we will start digging into some neglected information that God wants us to know, for in some of the most important areas, we have literally forgotten the way the Lord has led us, and many of His specific teachings in our past history.

If God spares we will meet again tomorrow with part 2.

Let us pray … Father in heaven, fill us with what you want us to know and what we need to know, in Jesus name, AMEN.